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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
x
MINHYE PARK,
Plaintiff,
-against-
DAVID DENNIS KIM, M.D.,
Defendant.
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DEPOSITION of the Defendant, DAVID DENNIS
KIM, M.D, taken by the Plaintiff, pursuant to order,
held remotely via Zoom/LegalView Videoconferencing,
on January 26, 2022, at 10:03 a.m., before a Notary
Public of the State of New York.

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                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
     DAVID
                 DENNIS KIM,
 3
         having been first duly sworn before a Notary
         Public of the State of New York, was examined
 4
 5
         and testified as follows:
 6
     BY REPORTER:
 7
            State your name for the record.
 8
    A
            David Dennis Kim.
 9
            What is your address?
10
            Work address: 143-16 Sanford Avenue,
     Flushing, New York 11355.
11
12
    EXAMINATION
13
    BY MS. STONE:
14
            Good morning, Doctor. My name is
15
    Carol Stone. I am questioning you in this
16
    deposition on behalf of the plaintiff, Minhye
17
    Park and her lawyer is Jae Lee, Esquire.
18
    counsel to that firm.
19
            I'm going to ask you some questions
20
    this morning. Have you ever been deposed
21
    before, doctor?
22
    A
           Yes.
23
           How many times have you been deposed
24
    before?
25
    A
           Four.
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
            Were you deposed as a defendant or
 3
     something else?
 4
            Defendant.
 5
            When was the last time you were
 6
     deposed before today in other cases, I'm
 7
     assuming?
 8
            One year ago.
 9
            The four times that you were deposed
10
    before today, were those four different cases
11
     or something else?
12
    Α
            They were four different cases.
13
            Were you the defendant in each of
14
    those four cases?
15
    A
            Yes.
16
            Did any of those cases resolve?
    0
17
    A
            Yes.
18
            Were they medical malpractice cases?
    Q
19
    A
            Yes.
20
            Were you found neglect in any one of
21
    those cases?
22
    A
            No.
23
            Did any of the cases go to trial?
    0
24
    A
            Yes.
25
    Q
            Is it your testimony that there was
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
     not a finding during the trial of a departure
 3
     from the standard of care against you?
 4
    A
            Can you repeat the question please.
 5
                    (At this point in time, the
 6
            requested portion of the record was
 7
            read back by the reporter.)
 8
    A
            Yes.
 9
                   MS. GIL:
                             Objection to form,
10
            but you answered.
11
            How long have you been at the address
12
    you testified to, Doctor?
13
    A
            Since 2003.
14
            Doctor, by the way, since you've been
15
    deposed before, I'm not going to go through
16
    all the rules. I'm just going to ask you to
17
    allow me to finish my question and then to
18
    answer it verbally. Also, if you need a
19
    break at anytime just let me know. I ask
20
    that if there's an open question you do your
21
    best to answer the open question and anytime
22
    you can have a break after that.
23
    acceptable to you, Doctor?
24
    A
            Yes.
25
            Where did you attend medical school?
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
            St. George's University Medical
 3
     School.
 4
            Where is that located?
    Q
 5
    A
            In New York and in the Caribbean.
 6
            Is there a particular country in the
 7
    Caribbean where that school was located?
 8
            Grenada and St. Vincent's.
    Α
 9
            Did you successfully complete your
10
    study at that school?
11
    A
            Yes.
12
    0
            What year did you graduate?
13
            1996.
    Α
14
            Doctor, do you speak any other
    language besides English?
15
16
    A
            A little.
17
            What other language do you speak a
18
    little besides English?
19
            Spanish and Korean.
20
            Incidentally, is there one Korean
21
    language or are there different types?
22
    of like China has different languages in
23
    different areas, do you know that or not?
24
            I don't know.
    A
25
            How did you learn Korean?
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
            My parents are both Korean. And I've
 3
     gone to Korean schools throughout my life.
 4
            When did you attend Korean school?
     0
 5
            I don't recall the exact years but
 6
     when I was in middle school and high school.
 7
            Is there any one else practicing
 8
    medicine at the address that you put on the
 9
     record, Doctor? Do you have any partners,
10
    associates? Et cetera.
11
            Not at this time.
12
            In 2017 did you have any partners or
13
    associates in your practice at that time?
14
    A
            No.
15
            You were a solo practitioner then in
16
    2017?
17
    A
            Yes.
18
            Doctor, after graduating medical
19
    school, did you serve a residency?
20
    A
            Yes.
21
            Where was that?
22
            In 1996 to 1997 I attended a residency
23
    at Albert Einstein in the Bronx.
24
            In what area of medicine did you study
25
    during that time?
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
     A
            Internal medicine.
 3
            After studying internal medicine, did
 4
     you go on to study any other area of
 5
     medicine?
 6
     A
            Yes.
 7
            I'm sorry. In a residency?
 8
     A
            Yes.
 9
     Q
            Where was that?
10
     A
            At Flushing Hospital Medical Center.
11
     0
            What years did you study at Flushing
12
     Hospital?
13
            From 1998 to 2003.
     A
14
            And what area of medicine did you
15
     study and train in at that time?
16
            Obstetrics & gynecology.
17
            Did you successfully complete your
    residency in obstetrics & gynecology at
18
19
     Flushing Hospital Medical Center?
20
    A
            Yes.
21
            Are you board certified in any area of
22
    medicine?
23
            Yes.
24
            What area of medicine are you board
25
    certified in?
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
    A
            Obstetrics & gynecology.
 3
     0
            When did you become so certified?
 4
    A
            2009.
 5
            Between 2009 and 2017, have you been
 6
    continuously board certified in the area of
 7
    obstetrics & gynecology?
 8
            Yes.
    A
 9
            Are you licensed to practice medicine
10
    in the State of New York?
11
    A
            Yes.
12
    0
            What year did you become so licensed?
13
    A
            I believe it was 2003.
            Have you been continuously licensed in
14
15
    the State of New York in medicine since 2003?
16
    Α
            Yes.
17
            Are there any other states that you
18
    are licensed to practice medicine in?
19
    A
            No.
20
            Did you start any fellowships in the
21
    area of obstetrics & gynecology after
22
    completing your residency?
23
            No.
    A
            What year did you begin your practice?
24
25
    In other words, you already testified as to
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
    your business address.
 3
            Was that your first office as a
 4
    privately practicing OB/GYN?
 5
    A
            Yes.
 6
            When did that begin?
 7
            2003.
 8
            In 2003 did you have any privileges at
 9
    any hospital or medical center?
10
    A
            Yes.
11
            Which one or ones?
12
    A
            Flushing Hospital Medical Center.
13
            Do you have any teaching appointments
    0
14
    at any hospital or medical center?
15
            Not at this time.
16
            In 2017 did you have any teaching
17
    appointments at a medical center or hospital?
18
    A
            No.
19
            Did there come a time that you
20
    rendered medical care and treatment to the
21
    plaintiff, Minhye Park?
22
            Yes.
23
            Did you review any records prior to
24
    this deposition regarding Miss Park?
25
    Α
            Yes.
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
            Can you tell me what medical records
 3
     you reviewed?
 4
            The medical records from my medical
 5
     office and the medical records from the
 6
     Ambulatory Surgical Care Center ..
 7
                   MS. STONE: Ms. Torres, can we
 8
            mark the medical records as
            Plaintiff's 1 for identification, and
 9
10
            the Ambulatory Surgical Care Center
11
            record as Plaintiff's 2.
12
                   (At this point in time, medical
13
            records was marked as Plaintiff's
14
            Exhibit 1, for identification, as of
15
            this date.)
16
                   (At this point in time,
17
            Ambulatory Surgical Care Center record
18
            was marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 2,
19
            for identification, as of this date.)
20
    Q
            Did reviewing the chart prior to this
21
    deposition refresh your recollection
22
    regarding Miss Park?
23
    A
            Yes.
24
            Do you also have an independent
25
    recollection of treating Miss Park?
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
     A
            Yes.
 3
            Can you tell me the date that you
 4
     first met Miss Park.
 5
     A
            November 16, 2017.
 6
            Do you know how Miss Park came to your
 7
            Was she referred to you or something
     care?
 8
     else?
 9
     A
            I don't recall.
10
            Did Miss Park speak English?
11
            I don't recall.
12
            Did you have an assistance or a nurse
     0
13
     or somebody working for you that was fluent
14
     in Korean?
15
            Yes.
16
            And who would that be?
     0
17
            Minji Jeong, Rachel Nham, Victoria
18
           There might have been a fourth, but I
19
     don't recall if she was working at that time.
20
            But the other three were working in
21
     2017?
22
    A
            Yes.
23
            Is there a reason that you had three
24
     and possibly four people employed that were
25
     fluent in Korean?
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
     A
            Yes.
 3
            Can you tell me what that reason is?
 4
            They were all part-time employees and
 5
     could not offer to work full time.
 6
            Did you have mostly a Korean
 7
    population that came to your office?
 8
            Yes.
 9
            What were Miss Park's complaints at
10
    the first visit?
11
            On November 16, 2017 she presented to
12
    my office to request to have an elective
    termination of pregnancy.
13
14
            Did you perform any tests on her at
15
    that time?
16
    A
            Yes.
17
            What test did you perform?
18
            I performed a physical examination.
19
    drew blood for blood tests, and performed a
20
    bedside sonogram.
21
    0
            Did you do a pregnancy test, Doctor?
22
    A
            Yes.
23
            What were the results of the pregnancy
24
    test?
25
    A
            The urine pregnancy test on that day
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
    was positive for pregnancy. And the blood
 3
    test was also drawn that day to check her
 4
    pregnancy hormone.
 5
                   MS. STONE: Just to let you
 6
            know, my internet connection is going
 7
            in and out all morning. I've tried to
 8
            deal with the company that provides
 9
            me, so it may happen again and
10
            hopefully not but I can't do much
11
            better other than try to fix it.
12
            Did you obtain the date of Miss Park's
    Q
    last period?
13
14
    A
            Yes.
15
            And when was that?
16
            The first day of her last period was
17
    October 16, 2017.
18
            Based on that, how many weeks pregnant
    was Miss Park when you first encountered her?
19
20
            By her last menstrual period of
21
    October 16, 2017, she was four weeks and
22
    three days on November 16, 2017.
23
           Now, Doctor, you stated that you did a
24
    bedside sonogram.
25
            Were you able to visualize the
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
    pregnancy from the sonogram?
 3
            The bedside sonogram did show evidence
 4
    of a gestational sac.
 5
            Was that evidence of a pregnancy?
 6
            The evidence of a pregnancy was
 7
    confirmed by the urine pregnancy test that
8
    was positive that day.
9
            Did you have a conversation with
10
    Miss Park with respect to her desire to have
11
    an elective termination of pregnancy?
12
    Α
           Yes.
13
           What was the sum and substance of that
    conversation?
14
15
            I explained to her the risks and
16
    benefits of her option to terminate her
17
    pregnancy.
18
            What options did you explain to her?
19
            That she can terminate the pregnancy
20
    by medicine or by surgery.
21
           What was the risk of terminating the
22
    pregnancy by medicine that you explained to
23
    Miss Park?
24
           Pain. Bleeding and/or retained
25
    products of conception.
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
            What was the other option that you
 3
    discussed with Miss Park?
 4
    A
            Surgery.
 5
            What were the risks that you advised
 6
    her for having an abortion?
 7
            Pain. Bleeding. Infection.
 8
    Perforation of the uterus. Retained products
 9
    of conception and/or cervical laceration.
10
            Doctor, is it fair to say that there
11
    are less risks of a medical abortion at the
12
    stage of pregnancy that Miss Park was in when
13
    you first met her over a surgical abortion?
14
                   MS. GIL: Objection to form.
15
            You can answer.
16
    A
            Can you repeat the question please.
17
                   MS. STONE: Can you read it
18
            back, Miss Torres.
19
                   (At this point in time, the
20
            requested portion of the record was
21
            read back by the reporter.)
22
    A
            Yes.
23
            Did you offer her a medical abortion?
    0
24
    A
            No.
25
            Why is it that you did not offer her a
    Q
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
     medical abortion?
 3
           I explained to the patient I don't
     provide medical termination of pregnancies
 4
     for a few reasons: Number one, I'm not a
 5
 6
    prescriber for Mifepristone which is one
 7
    medication that's given to patients for
 8
    medical terminations of pregnancies.
 9
            Number two, it's unpredictable when a
10
    patient will respond to the medical
11
    medications that they take for the
12
    termination of pregnancy. And if the patient
13
    was to have any complications of heavy
14
    bleeding or severe abdominal pain, it's very
15
    hard for a lot of patients to be assessed
16
    quickly either in the hospital emergency room
17
    or my office.
18
            Number three, if the patient doesn't
    have medical insurance they sometimes will be
19
20
    less likely or willing to go to the emergency
21
    room for any complications in fear of medical
22
    bills that they would incur.
23
            Did Miss Park have co-insurance, if
24
    you know?
25
    A
            No.
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1 Dr. D. Kim 2 She did not. Q Okav. 3 This third reason for not providing the medical abortion, did you discuss the 4 5 cost, medical cost had she had a medical 6 abortion and had complications, did you 7 discuss with her the cost of that in the 8 emergency room? 9 It's my custom and practice to explain 10 that I do not provide medical terminations of 11 pregnancies. If there were to be any 12 complications from a medical termination, 13 that that would need to be discussed with the 14 provider offering that service. 15 I explained to the patient if she was 16 to have a medical termination of pregnancy 17 and had any complications, that I would not 18 be able to help her and that she would need 19 to call the provider who was offering that 20 service, and if she had a problem and could not reach that provider, she would need to go 21 22 to the nearest emergency room. 23 Did you discuss with her the cost of 24 emergency room treatment for a person without 25 medical insurance?

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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
            I don't recall.
    Α
 3
            In terms of Miss Park's history, did
 4
    she give you any history that was significant
 5
    to her pregnancy at the time that you met
 6
    her?
 7
           I don't understand your question. I'm
8
    sorry.
9
            Her medical history, were you aware of
10
    her medical history?
11
    A
            Yes.
12
            What was that?
13
            She reports to have had two first
14
    trimester cervical terminations in the past.
15
    She also mentioned that she smoked about a
16
    half a pack of cigarettes a day. She denied
17
    any mental history. She denied any previous
18
    deliveries of pregnancies and reported no
19
    drug allergies.
20
            Did she inform you that she was on
21
    birth control?
22
            Not on November 16, 2017.
23
            Did she tell you about what years her
24
    previous two terminations of pregnancy were?
25
           I don't recall.
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Dr. D. Kim
1
2
            Did you consider that that part of her
 3
    history to be any factor in whether she could
 4
    have a surgical termination pregnancy with
 5
    this pregnancy?
 6
            Yes.
 7
            You did?
                     Can you explain that.
8
            If the patient had had two prior
 9
    surgical terminations of pregnancies, that
10
    with each subsequent surgery of the uterus,
11
    there might be an increased risk of
12
    developing scar tissue.
            Was there any evidence of scar tissue
13
14
    during your examination of Miss Park that
15
    day?
16
            No.
17
            Did Miss Park ask for a termination of
18
    pregnancy on that first date that she saw
19
    you?
20
    A
            Yes.
21
            And what was your response to that?
    0
22
            That I would have to first confirm
23
    that she was pregnant, obtain a history, and
24
    perform physical exam and perform a sonogram.
25
            And is that what you did on that day?
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
    A
            Yes.
 3
            Was there a reason that you did not
 4
    perform the surgical abortion after
 5
    performing all those tests?
 6
    A
            Yes.
 7
            Can you explain that.
 8
            By her last menstrual period she was
 9
    about four weeks and three days pregnant.
10
    And after performing a bedside sonogram, I
11
    only saw gestational sac. I could not
12
    determine at the time if the pregnancy was
13
    growing inside the uterus or outside the
14
    uterus or if she was early in her pregnancy
15
    or at the end of her pregnancy.
16
            When you say "end of her pregnancy,"
17
    can you explain that?
18
            Possible miscarriage.
19
            Was there also a possibility of an
20
    ectopic pregnancy at that time?
21
    A
            Yes.
22
            Did the sonogram that you performed on
23
    her eliminate the possibility of an ectopic
24
    pregnancy?
25
            There is no evidence of an ectopic
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
     pregnancy on the bedside sonogram.
 3
            After performing this test, did you
 4
     tell Miss Park that she would have to return
    for the surgical abortion?
 5
 6
    A
            No.
 7
            What happened?
                             Did you have a
 8
    conversation with her?
 9
    A
            Yes.
10
            Doctor, incidentally before we go on,
11
    at that time was Eileen Kim, was she the
12
    manager of your office?
13
    Α
            No.
            Did she work in your office?
14
    Q
15
            Not at this time.
    A
16
            Doctor, I'm just going to have you
17
    look at page three of four. It says on the
18
    top right "chaperone present." Do you see
19
    that?
20
    A
            What page?
21
    0
            Page three of four.
22
    A
            Yes.
                  Number eight, is that it?
23
    Q
            Yes.
24
    A
            Okay.
25
    Q
            Do you see the names -- first it says
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
     "chaperone present" and then it has four
 3
     names. Do you see that?
 4
            Yes.
     A
 5
            Does that mean that someone aside from
 6
     yourself and Miss Park were in the
 7
     examination room together?
 8
            Not the names that are listed on that
    document.
 9
10
            Someone else other than these names?
11
    A
            Yes.
12
            Can you tell me what name of the
13
    person that was present?
14
            It was Minji Jeong.
15
            And did Miss Jeong act as a Korean
    translator as well?
16
17
    A
            Yes.
18
            At that time during that visit with
19
    Miss Park, do you have a recollection as to
20
    Miss Jeong translating for you with
21
    Miss Park?
22
            I don't understand the question.
23
    sorry. Can you repeat it please?
24
            Do you recall if Ms. Jeong acted as a
    translator on that date with Miss Park?
25
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
     A
            She was a translator on that date.
 3
            Did she translate for Miss Park during
 4
     your examination and discussion with
 5
    Miss Park about her options?
 6
    A
            Yes.
 7
            Doctor, did you then advise Miss Park
    to come back for a surgical abortion?
 8
 9
    A
            No.
10
            How did the visit to your office, how
11
    did it come about?
12
            After I explained the risks and
13
    benefits of her options to terminate the
14
    pregnancy, I asked the patient to return to
15
    my office the following week.
16
    0
            Did she do so?
17
            Yes.
    A
18
            What was the date that you saw her the
19
    second time?
20
    A
            November 21st, 2017.
21
            And did you see her in your office
22
    that day?
23
    A
            Yes.
24
    Q
            Did you examine Miss Park that day?
25
    A
            Yes.
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
    Q
            What kind of tests did you perform?
 3
            I performed a physical exam and a
 4
    bedside sonogram.
 5
            What were the results of the tests?
 6
            That her physical examination was
 7
    unremarkable, and that her bedside sonogram
 8
    showed gestational sac inside the uterus and
 9
    a yolk sac, but that there was no fetal pole
10
    or fetal heartbeat visualized.
11
            How many weeks pregnant was she at
12
    that time?
13
            Five weeks and one day.
14
            Did you have a discussion with
15
    Miss Park that day?
16
    A
            Yes.
17
            And what was the sum and substance?
18
            I reviewed the lab results of the
19
    blood test that were performed on
20
    November 16th. I reviewed the risks and
21
    benefits of her option to terminate her
22
    pregnancy.
23
            What were the results of her blood
24
    test that day, Doctor?
25
          Her hcg on November 16th was 256, and
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
    her progesterone level was 28.
 3
            What did those results signify to you,
 4
    if anything?
 5
            The blood tests confirmed that she was
 6
    pregnant and that there is a very good chance
 7
    this pregnancy would be a viable pregnancy.
8
            What was your plan of treatment at
9
    that time, Doctor?
10
            The patient requested to have a
11
    medical termination of pregnancy. I
12
    explained to the patient that I do not
13
    provide medical termination of pregnancies.
14
            I offered her to go to Planned
15
    Parenthood where they do perform that
16
    service, and that I only perform surgical
17
    terminations of pregnancy.
18
           When you so advised her, what was her
19
    response to that?
20
           Advised her about what?
    Α
21
           About a medical termination and that
22
    you only did surgical termination.
23
            I did not tell Miss Park to have
24
    either a medical or surgical termination of
25
    pregnancy. It was her choice and she decided
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
    to have a medical termination of pregnancy.
 3
    And for that reason I gave her the contact
 4
    information for Planned Parenthood.
            So did there come another time that
 5
 6
    vou saw Miss Park?
 7
            Yes.
 8
    0
            And when was that?
 9
            November 27, 2017.
10
            Where did you see Miss Park on
11
    11/27/17? Did you see her in your office or
12
    somewhere else?
13
            Somewhere else.
14
            Where did you see her?
15
    A
            At the Surgical Care Center.
16
            Did Miss Park change her mind about
17
    the medical termination or something else?
18
            She changed her mind.
19
            Did she tell you that in a phonecall,
20
    something else?
21
            I do recall she called my office to
22
    inform me that she changed her mind about
23
    having a medical termination of pregnancy.
24
            She expressed that she wanted to have
25
    surgical to terminate the pregnancy and after
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
    being given that message I told the secretary
    to tell the patient I can do the surgery --
 3
 4
    perform the surgery on November 27, 2017.
 5
            So that was at a surgical center,
 6
    Doctor?
 7
            Yes.
 8
            And where is that center located?
 9
            136-20 38th Avenue, suite 5-I,
10
    Flushing, New York 11354.
11
            Is that a surgical center that you
12
    have privileges at or that you use somehow or
13
    you have some kind of relation with the
14
    people that are there? Can you explain that?
15
            I have privileges at that Surgical
16
    Care Center.
17
           Is there a person or entity or a party
18
    that owns that surgical center?
19
    A
            Yes.
20
            Do you know who that is?
21
    A
            I believe her name is Christine.
22
    Q
            Do you know her last name?
23
            I don't recall.
24
            If we leave a space in the record you
25
    can provide that?
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
    Α
            Yes.
 3
            You'll provide it to your attorney and
 4
    then she'll provide it to us.
 5
    A
           Yes.
 6
                  MS. STONE: Just leave a space.
 7
    REQUEST:
 8
            Doctor, is that the location that you
 9
    customarily perform surgical abortions?
10
            Yes.
    A
11
            Do you have a particular schedule
12
    there or is it an "as needed" schedule or
13
    something else?
14
           I don't have any scheduled time, but
15
    if I do have a patient to request that
16
    surgery, I will call them to set up an
17
    appointment.
18
           So, on that day 11/27/17 did you meet
19
    Miss Park at the surgical center?
20
    A
            Yes.
21
            Doctor, did Miss Park ever sign an
22
    informed consent form either at your office
23
    or at the surgical center?
24
            Yes.
    A
25
           Is it contained in the record?
```

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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
            Yes.
     A
 3
            Which place did she sign an informed
 4
     consent?
 5
            At the Surgical Care Center.
 6
     Q
            Can you tell me what page that is and
 7
    possibly hold it up for me.
 8
            This is from the Surgical Care Center.
 9
            Is your signature on it?
10
    A
            Yes.
11
                   MS. STONE: I'm going to need a
12
            copy of that. I did not receive that.
13
    REQUEST:
14
            Where did you sign that?
15
            It's on the bottom of the page.
16
    0
            When did you sign that?
17
    Α
            On November 27, 2017.
18
            And were you present when Miss Park
19
    signed hers?
20
    A
            Yes.
21
            Can you point out Miss Park's
22
    signature by holding it up?
23
            Right by my finger (indicating).
24
                   MS. GIL: Informed consent was
25
            marked as an exhibit at the
```

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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
            Plaintiff's deposition, and I provided
 3
            it to the court reporter, so, it
 4
            should be part of that transcript.
 5
                    MS. STONE: Oh, thank you.
 6
            Was the form in English or Korean or
    0
 7
    both?
 8
            English.
 9
            Was any translation in writing done on
10
    that form in Korean?
11
    Α
            No.
12
            Did someone at the surgical center, if
13
    you know, verbally translate that form to
14
    Miss Park?
15
            Yes.
16
            Who is that?
    0
17
    A
            Her name is also Christine.
18
    0
            Do you know her last name?
19
    A
            No.
20
            Is she still working there?
    0
21
    A
            Yes.
22
            So if we leave a space in the
    transcript you can provide her last name?
23
24
            Yes.
25
    REQUEST:
```

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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
            Were you present when she translated
 3
    the form to Miss Park?
 4
    A
            Yes.
 5
            Now, Doctor, did you perform an
 6
    examination of Miss Park before the surgical
 7
    abortion occurred?
 8
    A
            Yes.
 9
    Q
            What test did you perform?
10
    A
            A bedside sonogram.
11
            Do you have the results of the
12
    sonogram in the record?
13
                   MS. STONE: It looks like this
14
            (indicating).
15
            Yes.
    A
16
            Was that done before the abortion took
17
    place?
18
    A
            Yes.
19
            What were your findings from that
20
    sonogram?
21
            That there was an intrauterine
22
    pregnancy with a gestational sac and a yolk
23
    sac.
24
            And is that in the top image on that
25
    page here, the one we're looking at right
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
    now?
 3
    A
            No.
 4
    0
            Is the pregnancy the bottom image?
 5
            Yes.
    A
 6
            In other words, before the abortion
 7
    the bottom image shows the pregnancy?
 8
    Α
            Yes.
 9
    0
            Did you do any blood test that day?
10
            A blood test was performed on that
11
    day.
12
                   MS. GIL: Hold on. I want to
13
            clarify the record. The pictures
14
            you're referring to are page 38 of
15
            Plaintiff's Exhibit 1.
16
            Where is that from?
    0
17
            It is my record in my office, the
18
    sonogram was performed at the surgical center
19
    on the day of the surgery.
20
            Doctor, how many surgical abortions
21
    have you performed in your career,
22
    approximately?
23
            Hundreds, probably close to 1000.
24
            Now, Doctor, can you describe how you
25
    proceeded after taking the ultrasound of
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
2
    Miss Park that day?
 3
            Do you want me to explain the surgical
 4
    procedure to you?
 5
    0
           Yes.
 6
           The patient was in the operating room
7
    when the sonogram was performed, and after
8
    the sonogram the anesthesiologist had already
9
    spoken to the patient regarding the risks and
10
    benefits of anesthesia, he initiated
11
    anesthesia to the patient.
12
           The patient was placed in a dorsal
13
    lithotomy position. She was prepped and
14
    draped in sterile fashion. A sterile heavy
15
    weighted speculum was placed in the posterior
16
    portion of the patient's vagina. A Sims
17
    speculum was placed in the anterior portion
18
    of the patient's vagina. An Allis clamp was
19
    used to grasp the anterior lip of the cervix.
20
    The endocervical canal was gently and
21
    gradually dilated with Hank's dilators.
22
    6-millimeter suction curette was used to
23
    perform a suction curettage. A sharp
24
    curettage was then gently performed
25
    throughout the endometrial cavity until a
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
    gritty texture was appreciated. A suction
 3
    curettage was repeated to remove the
 4
    remaining products of conception. All
 5
    instruments were removed from the vagina.
 6
    Excellent hemostasis was visualized.
 7
            Now, Doctor, with respect to that
 8
    testimony, you were reading it from the
 9
    operative report; is that correct?
10
            Yes.
11
            Referring to page 37, that's your
12
    operative report of this termination of
13
    pregnancy, correct?
14
    Α
            Yes.
15
            Did you sign this report anywhere?
16
            I have not my signature but I write a
17
    little note, a little circle on the top right
18
    corner of the document.
19
            So that's your --
20
            Not my signature but just a notation
21
    that I reviewed the record.
22
            Doctor, after the termination was
23
    completed, did you then do a sonogram?
24
    A
            Yes.
25
            Was it during the time that Miss Park
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
    was still in the surgery suite?
 3
            Yes.
 4
            So it was right after you finished?
 5
    Α
            Yes.
 6
            How long did the procedure take
 7
    approximately?
 8
            Approximately of seven to ten minutes.
 9
            And then you performed another
10
    ultrasound?
11
            Yes.
    A
12
            Proceed to page 38, again, Doctor.
13
    The image on the top there, is that the
14
    ultrasound from the post termination?
15
            Yes.
16
            What findings did you make on that
17
    ultrasound?
18
            That the previous gestational sac and
19
    yolk sac that was seen prior to the surgery
20
    was no longer seen inside the uterus.
21
            Doctor, did you examine physically,
22
    visually, the products of conception after
23
    the term?
24
            I recall seeing tissue pass through
25
    the suction curette when that was being
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
2
    performed, and some tissue from the sharp
3
    curettage and that specimen was sent to the
4
    pathology lab.
5
           When you say you recall seeing it, did
6
    you examine it? Did you visually examine it?
7
            I visualized it but I did not perform
8
    any pathological examination of it.
9
           Did you see any fetal products in the
10
    products that came out with the abortion?
11
           I recall seeing tissue passing through
12
    the suction curette into the suction
13
    canister, and tissue from the sharp curettage
14
    that was performed.
15
           What kind of tissue was that?
16
           It appeared to be products of
17
    conception.
18
           Doctor, did the surgical center have
19
    some kind of backlight to give a visual of
20
    the products of conception?
21
    Α
           No.
22
           When you say that you recall seeing
23
    some tissue in the curettage, correct, that
24
    was the tube leading out of the vagina and
25
    into somewhere else?
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Dr. D. Kim
1
2
           The tissue that I saw was from the
 3
    suction curette attached to a plastic tube
    that was attached to a suction device.
 4
 5
    Q So where did that product end up at
 6
    the end?
7
    A There is a canister that collects that
8
    tissue.
9
    Q Did you observe any of that tissue in
10
    the canister?
11
    A I saw that tissue was collected in the
12
    cannister.
           Did you visualize it in the cannister?
13
14
           I saw that there was tissue in the
15
    cannister.
16
           Did you visually examine it in the
17
    cannister?
18
    A I did not do anything more than
    visualize the tissue in the cannister.
19
20
    Q Did you or did you not visualize it in
    the cannister?
21
22
           I saw that there was tissue in the
23
    cannister.
24
    Q Did you examine the tissue visually
25
    while it was in the cannister?
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
2
                   MS. GIL:
                             Objection to form.
3
            You can answer.
 4
            I did not perform any exam of that
    A
5
    tissue that was in the cannister.
6
            Did you then send the products of the
7
    surgical abortion to pathology?
8
            Yes.
    A
9
            Is this New Path Diagnostics?
10
    A
            Yes.
11
            Did you send the products of
12
    conception on 11/27/17 the date of the
13
    surgical abortion?
14
            Yes.
    A
15
            Doctor, I'm looking now at the
16
    pathology report. It's the last page of
17
    the -- well, for me it's the last page of the
18
    surgical center. I'm not really sure if it's
19
    part of your record or part of the surgical
20
    center's record, Surgical Center's record.
21
    Maybe if you clarify that for me.
22
            There is a copy of the pathology
23
    report on the last page of the records from
24
    the surgical center. And I believe there's
25
    one in my medical records as well.
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
            When was it that you received that
 3
    report, Doctor?
            The report mentions that it was faxed
 4
 5
    to my office on December 3rd.
 6
            Doctor, considering that the pathology
 7
    had the specimen as of 11/27/2017, did you
    consider it to be a prolonged period of time
8
9
    before the report was received?
10
                   MS. GIL: Objection to form.
11
            I don't know if there is a schedule
12
    amount of time that the pathologist tried to
13
    return the reports of the specimen. It's
14
    hard for me to comment if it was a long
15
    period of time. There just is no standard
16
    time that the pathologists usually send the
17
    reports.
18
            Doctor, when you received this report
19
    by fax, did you read it?
20
    A
            Yes.
21
            What day did you read it?
22
            Probably the same day that it was sent
23
    or the next business day.
24
            Doctor, under "gross description" can
25
    you just read that into the record.
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Dr. D. Kim
 1
 2
            (Reading): Product of conception.
 3
    Curettage received in formalin in multiple
    fragments of tan soft tissue measuring 20 x
 4
 5
    20 x 20 millimeters with possible villi but
 6
    no fetal parts. The specimen is entirely
    submitted in two cassettes.
 7
 8
                   MS. STONE: Off the record.
 9
                   (At this point in time, a brief
10
            recess was taken.)
    BY MS. STONE:
11
12
            Doctor, on this pathology report sort
13
    of the top right there's a little circular
    mark; is that your mark?
14
15
            Yes.
16
            And you put that there to indicate
17
    that you reviewed that report?
18
    A
           Yes.
19
            Did you speak with the pathologist
20
    after that?
            I don't recall.
21
22
            Doctor, were you concerned at all
23
    about the patient after seeing that report?
24
            Yes.
    A
25
            Can you tell me the basis of your
```

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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
2
    concern?
 3
           Whether or not there was retained
 4
    products of conception or not.
 5
           Did that report signify that there
    were retained products of conception?
 6
7
           I'm sorry, you broke up a little bit.
8
    Can you repeat that?
9
           Did that report signify that there
10
    were retained products of conception?
11
    A No. Well, it's not clear. I'll
12
    rephrase. It's not clear. The report stated
13
    that there was decidua with reactive changes
14
    but no villi was seen. However, in the gross
15
    description it's reported that there were
16
    possible villi.
17
           So it wasn't quite clear whether or
    not there was tissue collected in that
18
19
    specimen from the products of conception or
20
    not.
21
           Doctor, in the latter part of the
22
    report when it says, "no fetal parts," does
23
    that indicate that whatever came out of
24
    Miss Park on the date of the surgical
25
    abortion did not include the parts of the
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Dr. D. Kim
1
 2
    fetus that would ordinarily be seen in the
 3
    residual products?
 4
           I don't understand the question. I'm
 5
    sorry.
 6
            What does "no fetal parts" mean?
 7
            That the pathologist didn't see any
8
    gross fetal parts.
9
            So would that signify if there were no
10
    fetal parts in the pathology, that they were
11
    retained by Miss Park?
12
           Not necessarily.
13
            Then what does it mean if the
14
    pathology comes back "no fetal parts"?
15
            You would have to ask the pathologist
16
    that question.
17
           Let me ask it a different way: What
18
    was the significance to you of the report
    that said "no fetal parts"?
19
20
            It's not common to see fetal parts
21
    when a surgical termination is performed that
22
    early in the pregnancy. And, so, what was
23
    concerning was that no villi was seen and
    that prompted me to tell my secretary to call
24
25
    the patient to come back.
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
            Were they told to inform the patient
 3
    that there was this concern about the
 4
    pathology report?
 5
            It's my custom and practice to tell my
 6
    staff not to discuss any medical issues with
 7
    patients over the phone but to alert this
 8
    patient that I wanted to talk to her, I was
9
    concerned about the pathology report and I
10
    would want to discuss this report with her
11
    and to see how she's doing.
12
            So when was that phonecall made,
13
    Doctor?
14
            I don't recall.
15
            Can you approximate in any way, a day
16
    after, a few days after, something like that?
17
            Either that day or the following
18
    business day when it was received.
19
            Did Miss Park return to your office?
20
            She did.
    A
            What date did she return?
21
    0
22
            On December 13, 2017.
23
            Doctor, was Miss Park told or advised
24
    to return to the office as soon as possible
25
    during this phonecall to her?
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
2
            I didn't make the phonecall, so, I
 3
    don't recall the exact conversation, but my
    secretaries were told to call the patient to
 4
 5
    inform her that I need to speak to her -- and
 6
    she her about her pathology report.
 7
           Was any urgency given to that message?
8
    Did you instruct your secretary or your
9
    assistant to indicate to some sort of urgency
10
    to Miss Park to return to your office?
11
           It would be my custom and practice if
12
    there was anything of concern such as this,
13
    that I would tell my secretary to call the
14
    patient now at the time of the receipt of the
15
    report.
16
           Would it be your custom and practice
17
    to indicate to the patient that either they
18
    should not wait too long to come back, or
19
    that there's some urgency in terms of you
20
    having to examine her?
21
            It depends on the situation.
22
            On this situation, Doctor, would that
23
    be your custom and practice?
24
            It would be my custom and practice to
25
    tell the patient that she needs to come in to
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Dr. D. Kim
 1
 2
    review this report with me and to be further
 3
    evaluated.
 4
            Would that include any sort of urgency
 5
    to come in and not wait too long?
 6
            It depends on the situation.
 7
            In this situation, Doctor, would you
 8
    consider it a rather urgent situation to see
9
    the patient as soon as possible?
10
           I would not say that it was an
11
    emergency.
12
            Would you consider it an urgent
13
    situation?
14
            That depends on how you define
    "urgent."
15
16
            Doctor, did you consider Miss Park to
17
    possibly have retained products of conception
18
    in her womb after seeing the pathology
19
    report?
20
            That was a concern of mine.
21
    Q
            Was that an urgent concern of yours?
22
    A
            I can say it was a concern of mine.
23
            You can't say that it was an urgent
24
    concern then?
25
           I would say that it would be
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
    important.
 3
            Okay.
 4
            Doctor, what happens to a woman who
 5
    has retained products of conception after an
 6
    abortion, is she at a high risk for an
 7
    infection or something else?
8
            There are different complications that
9
    can arise with a patient who has retained
10
    products of conception.
11
           Can you tell me what they are?
12
            It can range from an absence of any
13
    complaints. Patient can have vaginal
14
    bleeding, pelvic pain, fever, foul-smelling
15
    vaginal odor or discharge.
16
           If the products of conception are not
17
    removed surgically, can the person be at risk
18
    of an infection?
19
           It's possible.
20
            Can the person be at risk of a severe
21
    infection?
22
           It depends on your definition of
23
    "severe."
24
           Can the person be at risk of losing
25
    their uterus?
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
    A
            I'm not aware of any cases where that
 3
    has happened.
 4
            Doctor, on this pathology report there
    Q
 5
    is also a circle on the bottom right, if you
 6
    look at it, and with some numbers and some
 7
    letters above the numbers. Do you see that?
 8
            I do.
    A
 9
            Do you recognize what that is?
    Q
10
            Yes.
    A
11
            Can you tell me?
12
            It's my signature with my writing
    where I wrote "discussed with patient
13
    12/13/17. "
14
15
            So when the patient came to your
    office on 12/13 you had a discussion with
16
17
    her?
18
    A
           Yes.
19
            What was the sum and substance of your
20
    discussion?
27
           I asked her if she had any complaints
22
    of fever, chills, abdominal, pelvic pain or
23
    vaginal bleeding; she denied.
24
            I also explained -- I also did a
25
    physical exam which was unremarkable. I
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
     reviewed the results of the pathology report
 3
    and expressed to the patient that I was
 4
     concerned about the possibility of retaining
 5
    products of conception, and that I would like
 6
     to perform a pelvic sonogram to check her
 7
    uterus.
 8
            Did you then perform the pelvic
 9
    sonogram?
10
            Yes.
11
            And was it on that date, 12/13/17?
12
            Yes.
    A
13
            What were the results of the pelvic
14
    sonogram?
15
            That there was a small fetus seen in
16
    the uterus with movement visualized. And by
17
    her last menstrual period that would make her
18
    at eight weeks and three days pregnant.
19
            Do your records contain a copy of that
20
    sonogram?
21
    Α
            No.
22
            Why is that, Doctor?
23
            I do not know but it is my custom and
24
    practice to have a copy of the sonograms done
25
    on the patients in the chart.
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
            Did you inform Miss Park that she had
     0
 3
     an alive fetus in her uterus at that time?
 4
     A
            Yes.
 5
     0
            Did the fetus have arms or legs?
 6
    A
            Yes.
 7
            Did the fetus have a head?
     0
 8
    A
            Yes.
 9
            What was Miss Park's reaction to
10
    learning that she was carrying a live fetus?
11
    A
            She was very upset.
12
    0
            What did she say?
13
            She declined my offer to perform the
14
    surgery the following day. She demanded a
15
    refund of the money that she paid for the
16
    surgery. She said that she is going to have
17
    the surgery in Korea in the month of
18
    December.
19
            Doctor, how much had Miss Park paid
20
    you for your services?
21
    Α
            $750 for the surgery.
22
    Q
            How much did you refund her?
23
    Α
            $750.
24
    Q
            Did you apologize to Miss Park?
25
    A
            I don't recall.
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1
                      Dr. D. Kim
 2
            Did any of your staff apologize to
 3
    Miss Park?
 4
            I don't recall.
 5
            Do you know why Miss Park refused to
 6
    have a second surgical abortion the next day
 7
    from you?
 8
            She didn't say.
 9
            Is there a reason why you refunded her
10
    her money?
11
            Because I didn't do the surgery that
12
    was intended to be done. It wasn't
13
    successful.
14
            Did you advise Miss Park against going
15
    to Korea for the surgical abortion to remove
16
    the fetus?
17
    A I remember I did offer to do the
18
    surgery the next day, or at her earliest
19
    convenience, and she was very upset and
20
    refused that offer.
21
            Did you advise her against going to
22
    Korea for the surgical termination?
23
            I don't recall.
24
            Did Miss Park have any complaints with
25
    regard to having a retained fetus? In other
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
     words, any complaint of pain, bleeding, fever
 3
     or anything like that?
 4
            She denied having any fever, chills,
     abdominal or pelvic pain or vaginal bleeding.
 5
 6
     I do believe she did say that she had nausea.
 7
     She reported occasional nausea, but that was
 8
    the only complaint that she had at the time.
 9
           Doctor, after she left your office
10
    that day, did you ever hear from Miss Park
11
    again?
12
            She returned to my office the
13
    following day to pick up her money but did
14
    not talk to me at that time.
15
            After that, did you ever hear from her
16
    again?
17
            No.
18
            Did you ever review the records of her
19
    surgical abortion that occurred in Korea?
20
    A
            No.
21
            Doctor, have you ever reviewed any
22
    records to any prior abortion of Miss Park?
23
    A
            No.
24
            Doctor, are you aware of any evidence
25
    that Miss Park was contributorily neglect in
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
     the abortion or the incident that occurred
 3
    here?
 4
                   MS. GIL: Objection.
                                          That
 5
            question is calling for a legal
 6
            conclusion.
 7
            Are you aware of any evidence of facts
 8
    that would lead to the conclusion that
 9
    somehow Miss Park's actions or inactions had
10
    caused or partially caused the incomplete
11
    abortion here?
12
                   MS. GIL: Objection to form.
            You can answer, if you understand.
13
14
    A
            Can you repeat the question.
15
                   MS. STONE: Can you read it
16
            back, Vilma.
17
                   (At this point in time, the
18
            requested portion of the record was
19
            read back by the reporter.)
20
    A
            I don't know.
21
            Do you have an opinion as to what
22
    caused the retained fetus in this case?
23
            I don't know.
            Doctor, with respect to the four times
24
25
    that you had been deposed as a defendant in a
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1
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 2
    medical malpractice case, do you have the
 3
     index number of those cases?
 4
    A
            I do not.
 5
    0
            Do you have the venue of those cases?
 6
    Α
            Not with me, no.
 7
            Well, do you have them somewhere in
 8
    your office?
 9
            I could obtain that for you.
10
                   MS. STONE: So you'll give it
11
            to your lawyer and she can give it to
12
            us.
13
    REQUEST:
14
            Doctor, are you a citizen of the
15
    United States?
16
            Yes.
17
            Are you a citizen of any other
18
    country?
19
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            (Continued on the next page
23
             to accommodate the jurat.)
24
25
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1
                       Dr. D. Kim
 2
    Α
            No.
 3
                    MS. STONE: I have no further
 4
            questions. Thank you.
 5
                    (Time noted: 11:45 p.m.)
 6
 7
 8
                               DAVID DENNIS KIM, M.D
 9
10
    Subscribed and Sworn to before me
11
                           , 2022.
    this
                day of
12
13
    Notary Public
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CERTIFICATE

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I, VILMA TORRES, hereby certify that the Deposition held before me on the 26th day of January, 2022; that said witness was duly sworn before the commencement of testimony; that the testimony was taken stenographically by myself and then transcribed by myself; that the party was represented by counsel as appears herein;

That the within transcript is a true record of the Deposition of said witness;

That I am not connected by blood or marriage with any of the parties; that I am not interested directly or indirectly in the outcome of this matter; that I am not in the employ of any of the counsel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of February, 2022.

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VILMA TORRES, RPR, CSR

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2	DAVID DENNIS KIM, being duly sworn, deposes and
3	says: I have reviewed the transcript of my
4	proceeding taken on 01/26/2022. The following
5	changes are necessary to correct my testimony.
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7	PAGE LINE CHANGE REASON
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21	Witness Signature:
22	Subscribed and sworn to, before me
23	this day of, 20
24	
25	(NOTARY PUBLIC) MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

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